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# a letter from the president



Our hearts join with the psalmist David, “My cup runneth over.” We are truly overwhelmed by the countless evidences of God’s goodness to Bryan as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The fall semester began with a record enrollment of 775 students, including one of the largest academically and spiritually endowed freshman classes in our history.

Michael Cromartie, vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and chairman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, gave an inspiring convocation address to our students on “Living in Exile.” Spiritual Life Week was especially meaningful with alumnus Rev. Dean Ropp ministering to us.

Nancy Pearcey, author of *Total Truth*, presented a brilliant examination of biblical worldview during the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice seminar. What an opportunity our students and faculty had during that entire lecture series to be stretched and challenged in their minds and hearts.

During Homecoming the college presented a gift to the Dayton community that is situated on the Rhea County Courthouse lawn and faces toward Bryan Hill—an inspiring statue of William Jennings Bryan by sculptor Cessna Decosimo. At the dedication, a choir

made up of the Bryan Chorale, a community choir, and many of our alums sang hymns and patriotic selections, and we all enjoyed sharing a 75-foot cake!

Of the four statues of William Jennings Bryan, the Decosimo sculpture is the only one depicting him in the

prime of life. William Jennings Bryan said, “There is no human influence so potent for good as that which goes out from an upright life: A sermon may be answered; the arguments in a speech may be disputed, but no one can answer a Christian life—it is the unanswerable argument.”

**“This statue will constantly remind us that our best is yet to come...”**

prime of life. As I remarked at its unveiling, “This statue will constantly remind us that our best is yet to come as a community, and we have much significant work to do that also will stand the test of time, even as the work of William Jennings Bryan has done.”

Looking back over the past 75 years and forward to the next 75 years, Dr. John Woodbridge, professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, reminded us during the Staley Lecture Series of the great challenge ahead. He presented a six-part challenge—one that if faithfully executed will strengthen our future:

1. Guard and uphold the Evangelical view of the Bible as the infallible revealed Word of God that speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Faithfully present the Gospel to others as the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

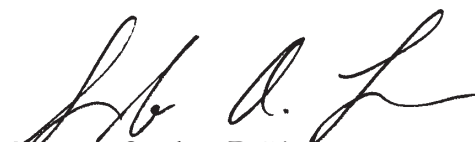
3. Match our Christian profession

4. Give constant care to ensure that the school’s statement of faith informs and influences the curriculum of the school.

5. Understand that without the Lord we can do nothing, and He must receive all the glory.

6. Continue in prayer. We must recognize and confess our sins. Sin is a canker on the body of Christ that inhibits the work and blessing which God desires to give. Our ministry as a college and individually will run on vapors if not empowered by the Holy Spirit. We must pray without ceasing.

May we as a campus community—made up of all those who have ever graced this hill—embrace and execute this challenge to the glory of God!

  
Stephen D. Livesay



# Homecoming 2005: *Celebrating Bryan's heritage*

A sea of red shirts printed with gold lions and “Christ above all” and a 75-foot-long cake made it obvious that Bryan College was in a celebratory mood Oct. 1.

And what a celebration it was, as hundreds of students, alumni, and friends of the college crowded the Rhea County Courthouse lawn to honor college namesake William Jennings Bryan and rejoice in God's provision for the past 75 years.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay made sure the occasion was not just a look back. The focal point of the ceremony—a life-size statue of a young Bryan—shows The Great Commoner looking forward, depicting him as he appeared about 1891. That is a fitting reminder “that Bryan College and the City of Dayton and all of Rhea County are just now hitting our stride with our most productive years ahead. This statue will constantly remind us that our best is yet to come as a community, and we have much significant work to do which also will last the test of time, even as the work of William Jennings Bryan has

done,” Dr. Livesay said.

Later that afternoon the college celebrated another significant life, dedicating a renovated Communication Studies building in memory of alumna Dr. Joanne Rankin, whose bequest made the improvements possible.

But the morning belonged to Mr. Bryan.

Speakers including Dr. Livesay, State Rep. Bo Watson, Rhea County Executive Billy Ray Patton, and Dayton Mayor Bob Vincent paid tribute to the college's quality Christian education, the enduring partnership between the community and the college, and the historical significance of the Scopes Trial and the Rhea County Courthouse.

The theme of a partnership was carried out through the dedication program as Dr. Livesay thanked Rhea County and the City of Dayton for “75 years of partnership and support enabling Bryan College ... to be a part of this wonderful community. I can think of no better way to show the college's appreciation than to erect a statue of our namesake as a permanent reminder of his contribution to this community.”





Mr. Patton added that “In my years in public service, I have called on Bryan College numerous times. Bryan College has never failed to come through. When I think of Bryan College, I think of community involvement.”

Mayor Vincent pointed out the historic significance of the courthouse, telling the group that in his years as a local industry executive he regularly brought visitors to the building so they could “stand where William Jennings Bryan stood.” And he commended the sculptor, telling him, “Like the country folk say, ‘you’ve done us proud.’”

There was pride, from recognition by the Tennessee General Assembly’s proclamation honoring the college on its 75th anniversary, to the soaring strains of anthems by a community choir and the Bryan College Homecoming Chorale praising God for His faithfulness to the college and community.

Dr. Livesay brought the focus to



*Mrs. Alice Mercer, former First Lady of Bryan College, and President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay are pictured with the 75th Anniversary cake before the Bryan statue dedication Oct. 1. Mrs. Mercer’s late husband, Dr. Theodore Mercer, was president during the college’s 50th anniversary celebration in 1980.*

Mr. Bryan and the political and social reforms he championed, leading up to the last crusade which brought him to Dayton for the Scopes Trial in 1925. In the last years of his life, Mr. Bryan spoke out against “what he

termed the evil philosophy of evolution. Once again, Bryan had the vision to see an enduring evil in our society as perhaps the most clandestinely harmful of all evils,” Dr. Livesay said. The Scopes Trial “was

conducted inside and outside this very courthouse and would transform Dayton from a name unknown to most—to one known literally around the world, and one which to this day continues to draw attention.

“What George Washington Rappleyea and leaders in this community believed would bring an economic boost through the staging of such a trial brought something far more valuable, the attention of the world to that greatest of questions, whether man is a unique creation of an Almighty God or man is a product of nature and chance.”

Depicting Bryan as a young man as he appeared in 1981, the same year the courthouse was built, is a fitting reminder “that Bryan College and the City of Dayton and all of Rhea County are just now hitting our stride with our most productive years ahead. This statue will constantly remind us that our best is yet to come as a community.”

Sculptor Cessna Decosimo drew a laugh from the crowd when he said he learned that Dr. Livesay is a gracious host in a special way. “On the way up here this morning I realized I had not brought my suit. He came through for me; I’m wearing his suit.”

He paid tribute to Dr. Richard Cornelius, Bryan College Scopes Trial liaison, and Eloise Reed, who as a



*Sculptor Cessna Decosimo, who designed the William Jennings Bryan statue, speaks to alumni and guests at the dedication of the new Rankin Communication Studies Center.*

young teen had attended part of the Scopes Trial. Both told him stories and provided information for his research in preparing the statue. “You can read all your history about historical characters, but when you find

Eloquence. That was a cornerstone of his career as a politician. Bryan College, 1930, the year the college opened. And on the back is the date of the beginning of this courthouse, 1891, and the year he went to Congress. I’m excited about the linkage between the past and present. All three of these work together in an amazing way.

“If it weren’t for the college being dedicated to the story of William Jennings Bryan, this building’s existence was in the balance. I want to honor the community, the college, and what this person represents.”

A few days after the courthouse ceremony, County Executive Patton told a friend, “I was driving by the courthouse and realized that that statue was what had been missing from the grounds.”

The second ceremony celebrated the life of alumna Dr. Joanne Rankin, a member of the Class of 1956, whose bequest enabled the college to renovate and join two formerly sepa-



*Pictured, from left, following the dedication ceremony for the Rankin Communication Studies Center, are Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, Betty Joy Rankin Horne, Rev. Robert Horne, and Dr. Randy Hollingsworth.*

someone in love with the character, you get your education. That’s a portal to the past,” he said.

Mr. Decosimo explained that the statue contained several significant words and dates. “Truth and



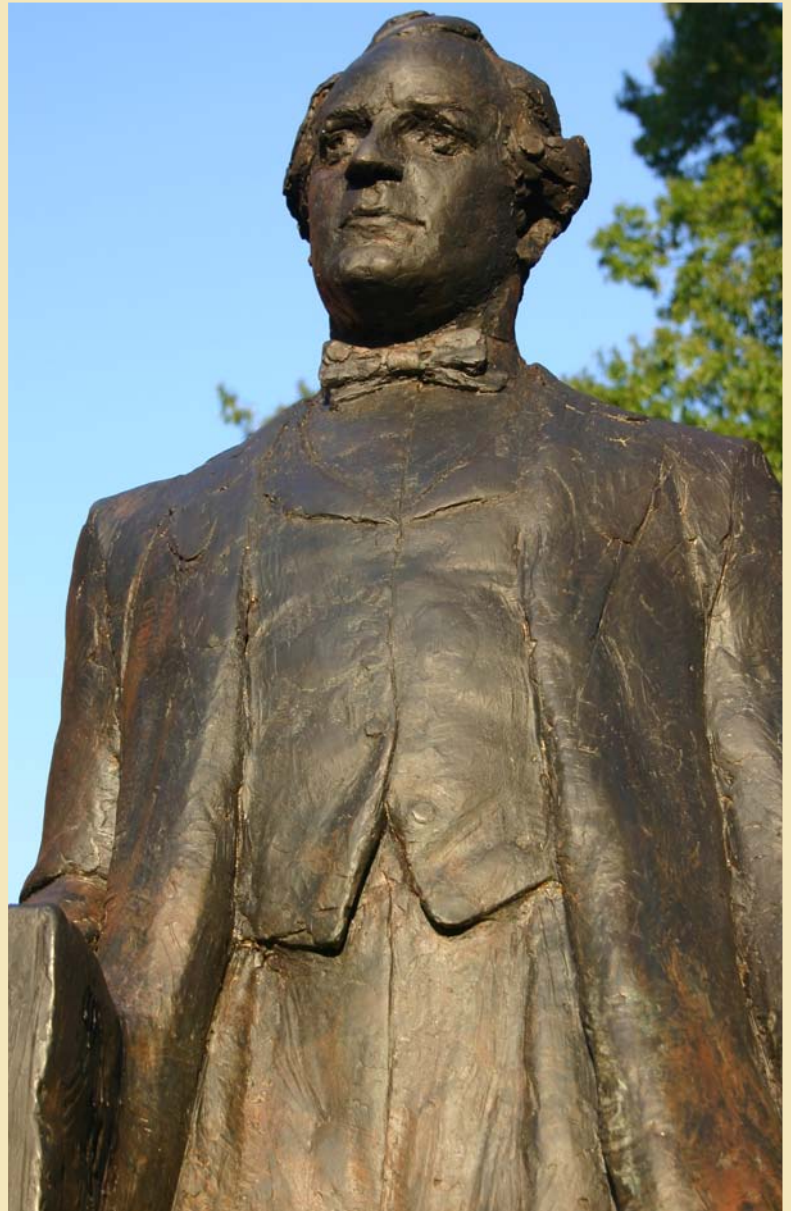
“Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”

*-America's Mission, 1899*

“The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error.”

*-The Cross of Gold, 1896*

### **William Jennings Bryan** *Quotations on the statue's plinth*



rate buildings into a state-of-the-art Communication Studies Center bearing her name. The spacious atrium also will allow visitors and the college community to view student and faculty artwork in an appropriate setting.

Dr. Rankin's sister, Betty Joy Rankin Horne, a member of the Class of 1954, said her sister would appreciate the decision to improve existing buildings in this way. “Her choice of a building for educational purposes is fitting. This is appropriate because she communicated well with young people.

“Joanne had a strong belief that all things should be done to the glory of God. This included the academic realm where she taught and influenced young people. Her primary request was that the building be used for the glory of God. I believe Joanne would be well pleased with the use made of her bequest. On behalf of the family, we are pleased too.”

One of the artistic touches in the atrium will be a bust of William Jennings Bryan, cast from the same mold as the courthouse statue. Mr. Decosimo said the natural light of the

atrium is “an ideal situation. As the light changes, the expression on his face will change. Now he looks somewhat harsh, but in a different light, that expression will soften. In some cases it will look neutral, allowing the viewer to imagine what he might be thinking.”

*For the full text of Dr. Livesay's remarks and pictures of the Bryan statue dedication, please visit the Bryan College web site at:*

*[www.bryan.edu/75th\\_celebration.html](http://www.bryan.edu/75th_celebration.html).*

# Homecoming Highlights



Seniors Hudson Ellis, (Littleton, Colo.), and Kimberly Storey (York, Pa.), were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime at this year's homecoming soccer game.



Dr. Ron, '65, and Lois (Groeneveld), '64, Zartman were named Alumni of the Year during homecoming. The Zartmans, pictured with Alumni Coordinator Warren Cole, right, were recognized for their support of the college, including providing an exhibit of first-edition books written and inscribed by John Newton during Heritage Week in March this year.

Dr. Mel and Susan Wilboit were named honorary alumni during homecoming celebrations Oct. 1. Mel joined the faculty in 1980, and is professor of music. He is a prolific author of articles on musical topics, musicians, and lyricists. Sue is an artist of increasing national repute. Her work has been displayed in the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., and she is in the midst of a project to paint the capitols of all 50 states. The Wilboits are parents of two Bryan alumni, Christi Walters, '99, and Noel Wilboit, '03.



Both children and the young at heart enjoyed the inflatable games at this year's Homecoming activities.



Dr. Jake Matthes, front, was named to the Athletics Hall of Fame during homecoming ceremonies Oct. 1. Dr. Matthes, a 1959 Bryan graduate, started the Bryan track and cross country teams, and his 1975 cross country team won the NCCAA national championship. After leaving Bryan in 1976, he had a distinguished coaching career at Liberty University, where the track complex has been named in his honor. Pictured with Dr. Matthes are, from left, Cross Country Coach Rodney Stoker, 1975 team member Mike Wood, Bryan trustee and former cross country team member Mike Smith, and 1975 team member Chris Hatten.





## 76th year boasts record enrollment

**B**ryan College welcomed the largest entering class in more than 20 years in August, and students were reminded that there is intrinsic value to their studies in God's eyes.

A total of 234 new students – 184 freshmen and 50 transfers – joined 337 returning students in the traditional program, and the 204 students in the Aspire degree completion program, to bring Bryan's fall enrollment to a record 775, up 113 from a year ago.

Convocation, the formal opening of the academic year, featured an address by Michael Cromartie, chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. Mr. Cromartie challenged students to understand that “we are all called to full-time Christian work, no matter what our occupation. Wherever God calls you to be, whatever God calls you to serve, you can bring glory to God in your work. Every job has intrinsic value. There is no mundane work in God's eyes. Nothing we do in the sight of God is ordinary.”

While we should be life-long learners, college presents a special opportunity for study. As students learn about God, the Bible, and worldviews, he encouraged them to remember that education about issues will not give life to the Gospel before a hostile world; living the Gospel will.

Jesus' statement that “all men will know you are my disciples if you love one another,” offers what Francis Schaeffer called “the final apologetic,” he said. “You will learn much about apologetics, and that is good and important. But I urge you, may



### Enrollment at a glance

	'04	'05
Freshmen	133	184
Transfers	41	50
Total new	174	234
Continuing	335	337
Aspire	153	204
Total	662	775

your life be your apologetic.

“We want to learn to talk the talk, but we also must learn to walk the walk, so the world will know we are Christians, not by how much we know, but by how we walk.”

The Rev. Dean Ropp, '81, led the annual Spiritual Life Conference. He used his talks to remind the college community that we should use our brief – in light of eternity – lives for the Glory of God.

Opening week activities concluded with the all-college picnic at Chester Frost Park near Chattanooga.

# Presidential Scholars '05-'06



**T**welve students have been awarded Presidential Scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year. Presidential Scholarships are competitive awards given on the basis of high school grades, test scores, an essay, and personal interview. The grant, Bryan's highest academic award, is renewable for four years. Presidential Scholars include:

## **Faith Ammen**



Faith Ammen, daughter of David and Elizabeth Ammen of Roanoke, Va., will study political communication. Faith, a home school graduate, was assistant editor of her home school association's newsletter, and interned at *The Roanoke Times*. She learned about Bryan when Dr. Jeff Myers addressed a home school conference. She was impressed with the college's academic standing and Christian commitment. "The people here convinced me to come," she said. "The people are amazing. I could see myself succeeding here." After graduating, she plans to work in public relations, as a lobbyist, or a legislative aide.

## **Crystal Cain**



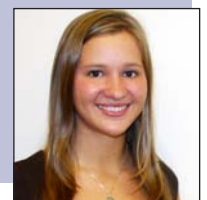
Crystal Cain, daughter of Ron and Kathy Cain of Randolph, N.Y., will study computer science. Crystal, a home school graduate, played soccer, was active on a Bible quiz team, and served as an AWANA youth group leader. She learned about Bryan from friends who heard Dr. Myers speak at a home school convention. She came to the Presidential Scholar weekend, and said, "I was here two hours and knew this was where God wanted me." After graduating, she plans to work as a missionary.

## **Elisa Cruz**



Elisa Cruz, daughter of Bob and Maru Glauberg of Sherwood, Ark., plans to major in athletic training. Elisa, a graduate of Sylvan Hills High School, was a member of the Beta Club, French Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, and the Sherwood Youth Council. She learned about Bryan from friends who attend the college. She said she decided to attend because Bryan "is a school that will point me to Christ and help me grow." Following graduation, she plans to attend physical therapy school.

## **Anna Downer**



Anna Downer, daughter of Phil and Susy Downer of Signal Mountain, Tenn., will study nursing in Bryan's cooperative program with Vanderbilt University. Anna, a home school graduate, was active in the home school mock trial teams for four years, including teams that won national championships in 2002 and 2003. She was a member of Youth Leadership Chattanooga and worked with Child Evangelism Fellowship. "I was struck by the Bryan students' love for each other and their respect for the faculty," she said. After graduating, she plans to complete her nurse practitioner training and work in a hospital.

## **Nicole Keef**



Nicole Keef, daughter of Jeff and Gale Keef of Universal City, Texas, will major in communication studies. Nicole, a home school graduate, was active in drama club, basketball, choir, ROTC, and was on the yearbook staff of her home school association. Her mother first heard about Bryan at a home school conference where Dr. Myers spoke. She chose Bryan because, "I wanted a more conservative Christian school that could help me become a Christian leader in a secular world. Bryan surpassed all my expectation on my visit during the Presidential weekend, so I knew then this is where I wanted to go."



**Brittany  
McGehee**



Brittany McGehee, daughter of David and Michele McGehee of Ruston, La., will major in piano pedagogy and communication studies. Brittany, a home school graduate, was a member of the Governor's Program on Abstinence Club, president of Teen Choices, lieutenant governor of the Student Leadership Council, and an award-winning member of Encounter LA Speech and Debate Club. She learned about Bryan when she received a call from Professor of Music Dr. Sigrid Luther. "I was intrigued by the Bryan atmosphere: welcoming students, challenging academics, and dedicated faculty. I knew God wanted me here," she said. After graduation, she plans to open a private piano studio.

Laura Neises, daughter of Mark and Beth Neises of Knoxville, Tenn., plans to major in elementary education. Laura, a graduate of Grace Christian Academy, was a member of the National Honor Society and was salutatorian of her class. She first learned about Bryan from her high school guidance counselor, former Bryan staff member Donna Poole. She came to Summit and was attracted to the college, then applied for the Presidential Scholarship. "I prayed before I went in to my interview that if God wanted me to come to Bryan, I would get the scholarship." Following graduation, she plans to become a wife, mother, and teacher.

**Laura  
Neises**



**Brittany  
Rodriguez**



Brittany Rodriguez, daughter of James and Melodye Zahn of McMinnville, Tenn., plans to major in Christian education. Brittany, a graduate of Warren County High School, was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Excel Club, and Student Council. She volunteered in the community for children's and seniors' efforts. She first heard about Bryan through alumni who attend her church. She said she came because "God provided every blessing I needed." Following graduation, she plans to become a missionary.

**Amy  
Scripka**



Amy Scripka, daughter of Hal and Cheryl Scripka of Woodstock, Va., plans to major in English literature and piano pedagogy. Amy is a home school graduate and was active in speech, debate, and piano competitions. After graduating, she plans to teach high school English and run her own piano studio.

**David  
Wallen**



David Wallen, son of Tom and Lynn Wallen of Bon Aqua, Tenn., plans to major in business administration. David is a home school graduate. He has earned his pilot's license and plans to operate a charter flying business after college. During high school, he worked and volunteered at Equine Therapy, a facility using horse riding to assist physically challenged individuals with therapy. He learned about Bryan from his mother, who had heard about the college a number of years ago. "I felt God calling me to Bryan," he said.

Jana Watson, daughter of Warren and Janet Watson of Fort Payne, Ala., plans to major in biology. Jana, a graduate of Fort Payne High School, was student council president, president of the National Honor Society, secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the Spanish Honor Society, and was class valedictorian. She lettered in soccer, cross country, basketball, and track. She learned about Bryan from her father, who heard about the college over WMBW Radio in Chattanooga, Tenn. "God wanted me here," she said, "and home is where God is." Following graduation, she plans to study medicine and become a doctor on a foreign mission field.

**Jana  
Watson**



**Rachel  
Welch**



Rachel Welch, daughter of Lavon and Jessica Welch of Covington, La., plans to major in communication studies. Rachel, a home school graduate, is an award-winning competitor in speech and debate contests. She learned about Bryan through Summit Ministries. She said coming to Bryan "was clearly God's will in my life. Despite all my training, Bryan still challenged me. It was the only Christian institution that put Christ first without sacrificing academic excellence." Following graduation, she plans to be a writer and speaker.



# bryan sports

## International players bring passion to the game, diversity to the classroom

by Aubree Sullivan

**B**ryan soccer players bring an international flavor to campus, with team members from Canada, Brazil, Columbia, Scotland, Costa Rica and Mexico on the roster. The 10 international students make up nearly a third of the 35-member team.

Dr. Sandy Zensen, head soccer coach and athletic director, said recruiting international players is a must. “In order to be competitive in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, we have to have a contingent of international players. All the top programs recruit them,” he said.

This is Dr. Zensen’s 16th season as head coach, and he has been recruiting international soccer players since the first.

Coach Zensen is involved with networks that help connect players with recruiters. He explained that once the team has one international student, that student often will bring a friend from his home town the next season.

Soccer is the common man’s game in the rest of the world. It is evident that the international students bring diversity to the game.

“We put flavor in our game,” said senior outside midfielder Thiago Goncalves from Brazil.

According to Coach Zensen, the difference in their game comes from experience. “It’s not just a game for the international students. It’s a way of life,” he said.

Senior central defender Tim Franklin from Atlanta, Ga., is one of the team’s captains. He agreed that the international students play the game differently than Americans.

“They bring a lot of energy and a lot of fun to the game. They have an attitude that Americans aren’t used to. They have more passion for the game,” Tim said.

These students not only have to perform on the field, but also in the classroom. Most international students would not be able to attend any

American college without scholarships and help from home.

Donna Belisle is the campus’ international student advisor in the admissions office, helping students to make the transition from their home to Bryan.

“Most international students are on a sports scholarship, an academic scholarship, or both,” she said. The paperwork “has become more tedious for them to transfer since 9/11. The whole process takes anywhere between three and six months.”

Senior defender Brad Atkinson’s transition from Canada to Bryan included his enrolling in a junior college in West Virginia to get SAT prep classes.

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ministry.”**

**-Coach Sandy Zensen**



“We don’t have anything like that in Canada,” he said.

Sweeper Alberto Villamizar, a senior from Colombia, said his transition was smooth, mostly because he lived in the United States for about 18 months before enrolling at Bryan. “Beto,” as his friends call him, comes from a large city. As a result, his hardest adjustment has been living in a small town.

Despite the adjustments, international students want to come.

“They place high value on an American education. They work hard so they can play. Soccer is a means to a greater end—to get a degree,” Dr. Zensen said.

“The benefit of having international students on campus is incredible, if for no other reason than to expose people to other cultures. It brings a diversity of other ways of looking at the world that is really beneficial,” said Mr. Lloyd Milligan, instructor of linguistics and missionary-in-residence at Bryan College.

Mr. Milligan, Dr. Zensen, and

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-Tim Franklin

students expressed a wish that Bryan had more diversity, whether through international students or American children raised on the mission field.

“We need to bring more international students to campus. It fulfills what the college philosophy is about. We bring a different perspective and



*Front, from left: Sammy Ortiz, Mexico; Felipe Vallejo, Colombia; Jorge Vallejo, Colombia; and Andres Garcia, Mexico; Back, James Carmichael, Scotland; Beto Villamizar, Colombia; Manoel Silva, Brazil; and Thiago Concalves, Brazil.*

help students learn about the world,” Thiago said.

The fact that there is a presence of international students on campus affects the whole student body, many

would say in a very positive way.

“Our kids are exposed to a sample of the rest of the world. The world is shrinking every day. Our students and players need to know there is more than the U.S.A.,” Dr. Zensen said. “But, it’s getting harder and harder to recruit as the cost of education rises.”

Despite the difficulties, many international students do make it. Thiago said the thing he enjoys most about playing at Bryan is “the friendships that are built and the philosophy of the team. It has shown me a different purpose to play, to glorify God.”

“This is our investment in the lives of kids and in the kingdom of God. We’re extending the borders of our ministry. That’s what we’re about,” Dr. Zensen said.

*Aubree Sullivan is a senior communication studies major from Hixson, Tenn. She is associate editor of The Triangle, the Bryan student newspaper.*

# The Doctors Matthes plan ahead

Lives spent in Christian education and an appreciation for their alma mater have led Drs. Jake and Sandy Matthes to choose a charitable gift annuity to help themselves and Bryan College as well.

Jake, a 1959 graduate of Bryan with a degree in mathematics, and Sandy met when she arrived at Bryan as a freshman in 1958. Their marriage in 1960 interrupted her education as the couple moved to Sandy's home town of Chicago. But they weren't through with Bryan yet.

Then-Bryan President Dr. Theodore Mercer visited the Matthes family and told Jake the college needed a math professor and wanted to start a cross country and track program. So they returned in 1967, and Jake became chairman of the department of mathematics and started the cross country and track teams, and Sandy resumed her educational pursuits. She graduated with a degree in music in 1972 and went on to earn a Ph.D. degree in music theory.

The Bryan cross country team prospered, and in 1975 won the National Christian College Athletic Association national championship.

After Sandy had completed her Master's degree and Jake had completed the course work for his doctorate, the couple was approached by representatives of Liberty University in 1976.

"They said they needed to establish a math department and a cross country and track program," Jake explained. "They had a job for Sandy as well." With nothing available in Dayton for Sandy, the couple moved to Lynchburg, Va., in 1976.

Both are still teaching, but Jake has retired from coach-

ing. He said his teams did "quite well" at Liberty, an opinion the university evidently shares as the outdoor track complex is named in honor of Jake and another former coach.

It's looking ahead, however, that led the Mattheses to purchase a deferred gift annuity from Bryan. "We have a lot of connections with Bryan," Jake said. "Going there, meeting this wonderful woman there, being able to teach at my alma mater, all of this has given me a lot of good experi-

ences," he said. "We believe in Christian education as well. We've been involved in Christian education since 1967, and I believe in supporting our alma mater."

That support continued, when in 1984, they established the Frank Schmickl Mathematics Scholarship and the Virginia Schmickl Music Scholarship, in honor of Sandy's parents. Those scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding students in both disciplines at Bryan.

There was a practical decision to defer income from their annuity. "Today's interest rates are low, and we're still working, so we don't need the money right now," Jake said. Electing to postpone receiving income "is one way to get the interest rate up and have a little better income later on" after they retire in a few years.

Bryan Director of Planned Giving

Jim Barth said the decision the Mattheses made about their annuity makes sense. "Acting now locks in favorable interest rates and provides an immediate tax benefit they can use now to lower their tax bill when their income is higher, and, like Jake said, will increase their income when they retire with 45 percent of the income, tax free."

*For more information about charitable gift annuities, contact Jim Barth at 423-775-7280, by email at [barthji@bryan.edu](mailto:barthji@bryan.edu), or by mail at Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321.*



**"We've been involved in Christian education since 1967, and I believe in supporting our alma mater."**

*-Jake Matthes*



# Dear Alumni,

**T**axation without representation. I thought that issue was solved around 1776, but when I was in Washington, D.C., in September for an alumni event, I realized that there are some D.C. citizens pretty upset about the whole thing.

It is a different world up there. Instead of American-made cars driving around the small city of Dayton, everyone had a Volvo with a “Vote for Kerry” sticker on the bumper racing around me. It is a fun city and a great trip, but it is nice coming back to Dayton, a city where there are loud pickups with gun racks.

Anyway, I was in D.C. for a couple of alumni events. One evening I took the alums in the area for dessert at Maggiano’s. We all had a great time. The cheesecake was great, and the company was better. Bryan alumni from different decades met one another, and others saw classmates they had no idea were in the city. It was fun watching people tell stories and laugh about the good ole days.

There was a great turnout; twenty people attended, which is around a third of the alumni in the area. Congressman Zach Wamp, (who represents the district that includes Bryan College), was going to come by and talk with us, but he was out of town that day and flying in the next morning. He said he was sorry he missed the event, but wanted to come to another alumni gathering in the area.

The following day we had another event in the mall area of Washington. It was a networking luncheon that our alumni attended along with around 100 other Christian college graduates. The lunch was set up so that fellow Christians could call on one another when a position comes open or there is a need somewhere in the alum’s business.

I am excited to see what develops with our alumni up there. If anyone wants Bryan College to host an alumni gathering where you live, just give us a call and we can set up something. Maybe I’ll write about that event in the next Bryan Life.

Grace,  
Warren Cole  
Alumni Coordinator

P.S. I know you guys are getting antsy about the new Alumni Directories. Rest assured, we haven’t forgotten about them. It is just taking a while to get everything together. But the directory will be coming out soon.



**Warren Cole**  
Alumni Coordinator

## keep in touch

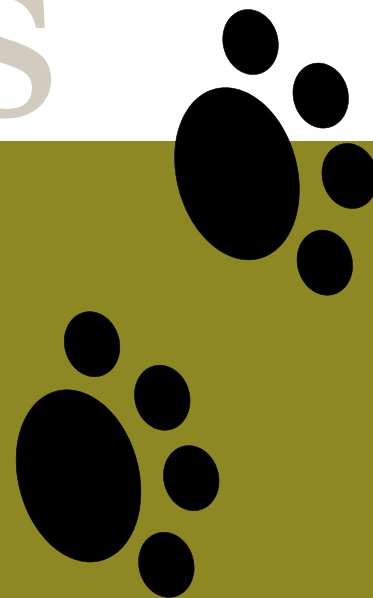
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## 1960s

**JANET CLAYCOMB, '64**, has had a busy year, with vacation Bible schools this summer and preaching twice a month in the Mennonite Church she attends in St. Mary, Jamaica. She anticipates an active hurricane season, but trusts her new roof will hold.

## 1970s

**FRANK SHEDDAN, '72**, has retired after serving for 29 years as band director at Rhea County High School in Evensville, Tenn. He and his wife, **BARBARA (MCCARRELL), '72, SHEDDAN**, live in Evensville.

Five members of the Class of 1973 gathered in St. Louis, Mo., this summer for their own Bryan reunion. Pictured, from left, are **GALE (COOK) STOREY, LINDA (MCKEMY) LOCY, CHAR (CLARK) BARNES, SARAH (LOFTIN) CUCCIO**, and **BARB (VAN SICE) JOHANSEN**.



Gale Storey, Linda Locy, Char Barnes, Sarah Cuccion, and Barb Johansen

**DAVID SEERA, '74**, has been elected to the board of directors of Rossville (Ga.), Bank. He also is on the board of Community National Bank in Dayton, Tenn., and is treasurer of the United Way of Rhea County. David is president of Advanced Banking Services in Dayton, where he and his wife, **BETTY RUTH (BARROWS), '74x**, live.

**KATHY (BALLARD) CROPP, '74**, is center director for Sylvan Learning Center in Danville, Va., where she and her husband, **JIM, '77x**, live. Kathy recently learned that the center director in Lynchburg is another Bryan alum, **GINNY (MCKINNEY) SHANK, '95**.

**MARTY (DAVEY), '75x**, and her husband **Steve BAKOS** live in Matlacha, Fla., where Marty is chief financial officer at South Bay Hospital. They are pictured at an employee awards banquet.



Steve and Marty Bakos

**JON, '75**, and Ginger **VANDEUSEN** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their son's home in Newark, Ohio. The VanDeusens have four children, including **MERRILY SMITH, '79**, eight grandchildren, and a new great-grandchild.



# 1980s



**JOHN TINKER, '80x**, recently celebrated 20 years with EMI Christian Music Group. Founder and Chairman Billy Ray Hearn and President and CEO Bill Hearn presented him with a plaque commemorating over 74 gold and platinum albums.



John Tinker, center, with Chairman Hearn, left, and CEO Hearn, right

**JAMES ASHLEY, '81**, has been named director of the Solomon Islands Translation Advisory Group, supporting efforts of Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Solomon Islands.

**SCOTT, '82**, and **JOY (THOMPSON), '83**, **HOOKE** have moved to Seminole, Fla., after living for 15 years in Huntsville, Ala. Scott has taken the position of associate pastor of music and senior adults at Seminole First Baptist Church.

**JOEL, '82**, and Monica **RILEY** announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Grace, on March 3. The Rileys live in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

**STEPHEN WISTHOFF, '82x**, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D., May 21. Dr. Wisthoff and his family live in Bismarck, N.D.

Four members of the class of 1984 gathered for a reunion this year. Pictured, from left, are the families including **STEVE** and Roria **HICKS**

and their two girls; **CAMEEL** and **LEE (KANNON, '83) CHAN** and their two boys and two girls; **STEVE** and Kathy **DUGGINS** and their two boys and daughter; and **DANNY** and Martha **WALKER** and their two girls.



Steve Hicks, Cameel Chan, Steve Duggins, Danny Walker and their families.

**DR. DARRELL COSDEN, '85**, in March, published *A Theology of Work: Work and the New Creation*, an academic text aimed at scholars and researchers. The book, published by Paternoster Press UK, is part of their theological monograph series. From January to March, while on research leave from the International Christian College, Darrell and his family lived in Austria where he was scholar in residence at Schloss Mittersill Study Centre. He taught a course on the theology of work and worked on a book for a non-academic audience on the theology and spirituality of work.

**MIKE ALFORD, '85**, and his family served for the past eight years with Campus Crusade for Christ in Cape Town, South Africa, where they organized the Athletes in Action sports ministry. Recently they moved to Cape Cod, Mass., to begin a church planting ministry there.

**DAVID, '85**, and **RUTH (SNYDER), '86, HOBBS** live in Liverpool, England, where David is a pastor and assists with various evangelistic ministries. More

than 60,000 university students, including many Muslims, live there, so the Hobbses request prayer for their outreach. David and Ruth have three children, Elizabeth, 14; Emily, 11; and Joseph, 8.

**JONATHAN FICKLEY, '86**, and Andrea Larson were married June 11, in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Fickleys live in Chattanooga.

**BETSY (GOETZMAN), '85, GIUSEFFI** and her husband, Jim, have moved with their two children, Sarah, 10, and JB, 8, to Lake Worth, Fla., where Jim works for UPS Capital. Betsy home schools their children, and the family is active in their church. They also live near her sister, **RUTH COLLIER, '86x**.

**SANDY (KUHN), '86, ETIEMBLE** and her family recently moved to Fredericksburg, Va. Sandy's husband, Mo, is in the Coast Guard, and she is regional marketing manager for a marine engineering firm. She is able to telecommute so she can stay home with their son, Reece, 4.

**VINCE PYLE, '89**, and his wife, Amy, have lived in LaVale, Md., the past 12 years. Vince is employed by the City of Cumberland Fire Department as an acting lieutenant/paramedic and is a member of a specialized helicopter aerial rescue team with the Maryland State Police and the Swiftwater Rescue Team. Amy is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Maryland (Carefirst) as a claims processor and is very active in their church's praise band. Their email is cdfire-dude32@yahoo.com for anyone wishing to say "Hi."

**PATRICK D. RUDD, '89**, graduated in December 2004 with a Master of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University. He is now assistant professor of library science and evening librarian at Elon University.

# 1990s



Rachel Almack

Jim and **BETH (HORNISH), '90, ALMACK**

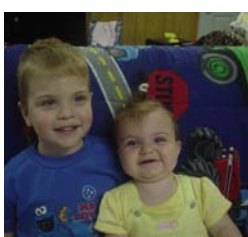
announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Joy, on May 31. Rachel weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz., and was 21 inches long.

**RONA (HALCOMB) KIRBY, '91**, is children's ministry coordinator at New Covenant Church in Anderson, S.C. Her husband, Rick, is executive director of Calvary Home for Children, also in Anderson. Reagan Elisabeth joined the family June 17, weighing 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother Nathanael and big sister Bethany.



Nathanael, Bethany, and Reagan Kirby

David and **KOLLEEN (HOEY), '93, LONG** announce the birth of their second child, Grace Susan, on Jan. 4.



Ethan and Gracie Long

Gracie weighed 8 lbs., and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother Ethan, 3. The Longs moved to the Pocono Mountains this summer, where David is pastor of St. John's Evangelical Congregational Church in Stroudsburg, and Kolleen is a full-time mom and free-lance writer.

**SHERRY (HILL), '95**, and Mike **WELLER** announce the birth of their second daughter, Aubre Hope, on May

31. Aubre weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 3/4 inches long. She joins big sister Olivia, 2. The Weller family recently moved to Wilmington, Ohio, where Mike is head athletic trainer for Wilmington College.



Aubre Weller



Jeremy Dollar

**JEREMY DOLLAR, '96**, recently moved to Albania to spend a year working with Christar, teaching missions, evangelism, and apologetics at the Center for Christian Leadership. Since his graduation from Southeastern Seminary in

2001, he had worked with Student Venture, most recently in Chattanooga near his home. He asks prayer for God's grace and provision as he teaches, as well as financially as he raises support.

**JENNIFER (BRASHER), '96**, and Reid **DALE** announce the birth of Jenna Elisabeth, on June 13. Jenna weighed 10 lb, 9 oz. She joins big brother Ian Reid, 5, and big sister Julie-Joy Susie, 4. The Dale family lives in Waynesville, N.C., where Reid runs his own school and institutional furniture sales and installation business and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom. She will begin home schooling Ian this fall.



Ian, Julie-Joy, and Jenna Dale

**HEATHER BRASHER, '97**, received her Master of Divinity degree from Columbia International University in May and works at CIU in the extension program. Her other sister, **JULIE BRASHER, '99**, is studying for a

Master's degree in nursing at the University of South Carolina and works in the pediatric intensive care unit in a hospital in Columbia.

**EMILY (MAYO), '97**, and Kevin **HOPPERS** announce the birth of their first child, Melanie Suzanne, on July 26, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. Kevin is a civil engineer, and Emily is a stay-at-home mom.



Melanie Hoppers

**JOEL GONCE, '98**, after five years as a chemist with Baxter Healthcare in North Carolina, has moved to Gray, Tenn., where he is quality manager with Del-Ray Dermatologicals of Crown Laboratories in Johnson City, Tenn.

**BETH GREEN, '98**, and Rob Lewis



Rob and Beth Lewis

were married April 9. The Lewises live in Dayton, Tenn., and Beth is office

manager for an optometrist in Cleveland, Tenn.

**SHALEEN HAMILTON, '99**, and Alex Fagundo were married June 11 in Miami, Fla. **JENNIFER SAMS, '01**, was maid of honor. Shaleen is an evaluation specialist for The Children's Trust and Alex is a wedding photographer. The Fagundos live in Miami.



Alex and Shaleen Fagundo

**VITALY KLIMOVICH, '99**, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in molecular biology from Vanderbilt University in May. He works as a





**Vitaly Klimovich**

research associate at Vanderbilt while looking for a position. Since graduating, he has given a presentation about his research at Cold Spring Harbour National

Laboratories in New York, and teaches a seminar course at Vanderbilt.

**TONYA (SMITH), '99**, and Tim **TATE** announce the birth of their first child, Isabel Leann, on January 27. Isabel weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and was 20 inches long. The Tates live in Dunedin, Fla., where Tim is vice president of technology for a healthcare technology company and Tonya stays at home with the baby.

**JIM, '99**, and **JOY (CHESHIRE) NICHOLS, '98**, have moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Jim is minister to students and young adults at Christ Church United Methodist and Joy is an assistant with the preschoolers at Christ Church School. She is able to stay home with their sons Alex, almost 3, and Tyler, 1.

## 2000s

**MARY MACLEAN, '00**, and Paul Jackson were married June 18, in Melbourne, Fla. The Jacksons live in Melbourne.

**KELLEY ATKINS, '00**, and Jason Lee were married April 23. The Lees live in Providence Village, Texas, where Kelley is employed at Prestonwood Baptist Church as an associate to the girls ministry.

**DAMIEN and RENEE (REILLY) DASPIT**, both '00, announce the birth of their first child, Orin Reilly, on April 3. Orin weighed 6 lbs., 4



**Orin Daspit**

oz., and was 19 inches long. The Daspits live in Fairfax, Va., where Damien is a systems engineer for the federal government and Renee is a stay-at-home mom.

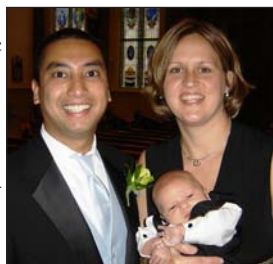
**DAVID and ANNA (KELLOG)**

**HENDERSON**, both '02, announce the birth of their first child, Gavin Azariah, on May 10. Gavin weighed 6 lbs., 9oz. The family lives in Bryan, Texas, where David is a graduate student at Texas A&M, and Anna is staying home with the baby.



**Gavin Henderson**

**ROBIN (WEDEKIND), '02**, and Dean **SARIGUMBA** announce the birth of their first child, Dominic Terry on June 29, by means of an emergency c-section—12 days past his due date. Dominic weighed 8 lbs., 11 1/2 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. The Sarigumba family lives in Clearwater, Fla.



**Sarigumba Family**

**SAMUEL KOSTREVA IV** and Stephanie Poston were married April 2, in Charlotte, N.C. Samuel is enrolled at Southern Evangelical Seminary at Charlotte.

**ROBERT and PAULA (HEATHER-SHAW) KENDALL**, both '02,

announce the birth of their son, Ethan Riley, on Nov. 21, 2004. Robert is studying for a Master's of Divinity degree and serves as English ministries pastor at the Korean-American Church of Philippi in Columbia, Md. Paula loves helping Robert in his ministry and taking care of Ethan at home.



**Kendall Family**

**MATT and AMY (JENKINS) PALMER**, both '02,

announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Elizabeth, on April 24. Kate weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz, and was 20 inches long. The Palmers live in Clearwater, Fla., where Matt is an accountant for a computer software company. Amy was a marketing director for the same company until Kate was born. She is now a stay-at-home mom.



**Palmer Family**

**BROOKE WILSON, '03**, moved from Winter Springs, Fla., to Toms River, N. J., this summer.

**BRIAN DAY, '03**, has joined the staff of Bryan College as an admissions counselor.

**MATTHEW ROGERS and KELLY CRANE**, both '05, were married July 2,

at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, where they are living. Matthew is working for a production house in Knoxville, where he has been able to shoot for "The Biggest Loser" and "Entertainment Tonight," and Kelly is working as an administrative assistant.



**Matt and Kelly Rogers**

**MICHAEL STONE, '05**, has joined the enrollment services staff at Bryan as a counselor and technician, working with the admissions and financial aid offices.

**ANNELI HORNER, '05**, is the new assistant director of the Bryan College Worldview Teams. After graduation in May, she returned to Bryan to work with the Summit conferences before beginning work with the worldview teams in August.

# With the Lord

**REV. SAMUEL T. HEMBERGER, '44**, of Batavia, Ill., died June 27. He is survived by his wife, **ANNA (KET-TENRING), '45**, **HEMBERGER** and two daughters.

**MARTHA (HOOVER) BRICKEL, '46**, of Lewisburg, Ohio, died in August.

**CLYDE SIMMONS, '49**, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died May 16. He is survived by his wife, **RUTH (KUHN) SIMMONS, '47**, and four children.

**BARBARA (BORLING) AMSTUTZ, '55**, of Plain City, Ohio, died July 12.

**EDWARD AMSTUTZ, '55**, of Plain City, Ohio., died in July, shortly before his wife, Barbara, passed away.

**BETTIE (EVANS) POWELL, '58**, of Page, Ariz., died May 31, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Lavon Powell, and three children.

**IRENE (HUBERT) BOUCHARD, '65**, of Greeley, Colo., died May 23. She is survived by two children and her sister, **BONNIE (HUBERT) SLOAN, '66**.

**LINDA (GUY) DRAPP, '70x**, of Glencoe, Mo., died Oct. 5, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Drapp, and two children.

**SHERYL (LANE) HAWLEY, '78x**, of Trenton, Ga., died Aug. 19. She is

survived by three children.

**RENA (WILSON) CRENSHAW, '84**, of Flat Rock, N.C., died Feb. 14. She is survived by her husband, John Crenshaw, three children, and sisters **JENNIFER (WILSON) ALDERMAN, '89x**, and **TONI (WILSON) CHAPMAN, '87x**.

*Word recently was received of the death of:*

• **Glen C. Atkins**, former professor of Hebrew and Greek. Rev. Atkins died Aug. 10, 2001.

• **EMILY (MCMURRY) OWENSBY, '37**, of Dayton, Tenn. She is survived by three children.

• **EARL J. STARBUCK, Sr., '78x**, of Bristol, Tenn. He is survived by a son.

• **ROBERT L. PREVOU, '89x**, of Hixson, Tenn.

• **ERIC S. BROWN, '91x**, of Ringgold, Ga.

## faculty/staff notes

**Dr. David Fouts** submitted a study of Psalms 1 to 50 for Volume 3 of the *Bible Knowledge Word Study* series, edited by Eugene H. Merrill and published by Cook Ministries. Dr. Fouts, **Dr. Kurt Wise**, **Dr. Todd Wood**, and **Stephanie Mace** made presentations at the Baraminology Conference in Moscow, Idaho, in June.

**Laura Kaufmann** chaired the Appalachian College Association Central Library's Administrative Issues Committee meeting in Greeneville, Tenn., in August. The committee oversees administration of grant money to ACA librarians for professional development. She also served as facilitator for Lee University's library retreat in August.

**Dr. Bill Ketchersid** attended a Classics Seminar at the Hellenic Center in Washington, D.C., in May. He also led a medical mission trip to Mountain Side, Jamaica, in June. The team took \$78,000 worth of medications for patients, and did blood sugar screenings, checked

blood pressure, and examined eyes.

**Dr. Ray Legg** reprised his role as William Jennings Bryan in the Scopes Trial re-enactment in July. Also participating in the re-enactment were **Dr. David Fouts**, **Dr. Ron Petite**, and **Tom Davis**. Drs. Legg, Fouts, and Petite also participated in a special production of highlights of the play at the Christian Science Fellowship conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Dr. Stephen D. Livesay** and Mrs. Livesay represented Bryan College at the inauguration of Dr. Michael Easley as president of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., in September.

**Bruce Morgan** and **Myra Goza** attended a workshop to learn about new techniques in alcohol and drug abuse prevention among college students. The July conference at Maryville College was designed for student life officers at private and public institutions.

**Michelle Pascucci** was awarded a grant to attend the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese annual meeting in New York in July. She also spent six weeks this summer in Salamanca, Spain, working on her dissertation.

**Josh Porter** has been named interim director of the Athletic Training Education Program following the resignation of Mike Weller. A search is under way for a permanent director.

**John Stonestreet** spoke at conferences and teacher training sessions in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Georgia, New Jersey and Mississippi, as well as at various locations in Tennessee this summer.

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit** attended the Salzburg Seminar on Architecture and Public Life in Salzburg, Austria, in July. His trip was funded through a program administered by the Appalachian College Association.



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